

E-Waste – the new challenge

Our constant pursuit of the latest technology has created a whole new type of waste in recent years – obsolete electronic waste – and it is growing fast. E-waste not only contributes to landfill but components such as batteries and cathode ray tubes can contain dangerous toxins that pose a threat to soil and water supplies. Adelaide company E-Cycle Recovery says that simply placing electronic items out for hard rubbish collection is not enough to keep them out of landfills. The company takes any kind of e-waste, defined by them as anything with an electrical cord or battery from computers and mobile phones to irons and vacuum cleaners. The company has two collection points, at Glen Osmond and Netley, and claims to be able to recycle 97 per cent of every item received.